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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
REQUEST FOR FILING NATIONAL PATENT APPLICATION

Under 35 USC 111(a) and Rule 53(b)

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

WITH SIGNED DECLARATION

PATENT APPLICATION

NONPROVISIONAL
NON REISSUE
NON PCT NAT PHASE

Sir:

Herewith is the PATENT APPLICATION of:

Inventor(s): BONATTI, Davide; GALIMBERTI, Enrico and CAVALLARI, Stefano
Title: A TRANSFER UNIT FOR CONTAINERS

Atty. Dkt. No.: 2545-0432

Including:

1. Specification: 15 pages (only spec. and claims)

*3. ☒ Declaration ☒ Original ☐ Facsimile/Copy

4. ☒ Drawings: 5 sheet(s) ☐ informal;

5. ☐ See top first page re prior Provisional, national or International application(s). ("X" box only if info is there and do not complete corresponding item 5 or 6). (Prior M# _____ SN _____)

6. **AMEND the specification** please by inserting before the first line: This is a ☐ Continuation-in-Part

☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation

6(a). ☐ National Appln. No. _____ / _____ filed:

6(b). ☐ International Appln. No. _____ / _____ filed:

which designated the U.S., and that International Application ☐ was ☐ was not published under PCT Article 21 (2) in English. -

7. ☐ **AMEND the specification** please by inserting before the first line: -- This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/_____, filed _____. --

8. ☒ Attached is an assignment and cover sheet. Please return the recorded assignment to the undersigned.

9. ☐ Prior application is assigned to _____ by Assignment recorded _____ (date) Reel _____ Frame _____

10. **FOREIGN** priority is claimed under 35 USC 119(a)-(d)/365(b) based on filing in Italy

Application No.	Filing Date	Application No.	Filing Date
(1) BO 2002A 000632	October 8, 2002	(2)	
(3)		(4)	
(5)		(6)	
(7)		(8)	
(9)		<input type="checkbox"/> See 3 rd page for additional priorities	

12. 1 (No.) Certified copy/copies:
in U.S. Application No. _____ / _____ filed on _____.
☒ attached; ☐ previously filed on (date) _____

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13. Small Entity Status: ☒ is **NOT** claimed ☐ is claimed (**Pre-filing confirmation required**)

13(a). ☐ Attached: _____ No. Small Entity Statement(s) (since 9/8/00 small entity statement(s) not essential to make claim)

13(b). ☐ See **NONPUBLICATION REQUEST** under Rule 213(a) attached (PAT-258)

14. **DOMESTIC/INTERNATIONAL** priority is claimed under 35 USC 119(e)/120/365(c) based on the following provisional, nonprovisional and/or PCT international application(s):

Application No.	Filing Date	Application No.	Filing Date
(1)		(2)	
(3)		(4)	
(5)		(6)	

15. ☐ This application is being filed under Rule 53(b)(2) since an inventor is named in the enclosed Declaration who was not named in the prior application.

16. ☐ Attached: _____

17. ☒ Preliminary Amendment Attached

THE FOLLOWING FILING FEE IS BASED ON CLAIMS AS FILED LESS ANY ABOVE CANCELLED

Basis For Fee				Large Entity/Small Entity	Amount
18. Basic Filing Fee.....Design Application				\$330/\$165	+750.00
NOT Design Application				\$750/\$375	
19. Total Claims	20	Minus 20 =	*0	X \$18/\$9	+0
20. Ind. Claims	1	Minus 3 =	*0	X \$84/\$42	+0
* If answer is zero or less, enter "0"					
21. If <u>any proper</u> multiple dependent claim (ignore improper) is present, add (Leave this line <u>blank</u> if this is a <u>reissue</u> application)				\$280/\$140	+0
22.				Total Filing Fee Enclosed	\$750.00
23. If "non-English" box 2 is X'd, add Rule 17(k) processing fee				\$130	+0
24. If "assignment" box 8 is X'd, add recording fee				\$40	+40.00
25. <input type="checkbox"/> Attached is a Petition/Fee under Rule No.				\$130	+0
26.				Total Fee Enclosed:	\$790.00

27. ☐ Please charge the total fee to our deposit account below under the stated order no.: 2545-0432

Our Deposit Account No.: 501860

CHARGE STATEMENT: The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee specifically authorized hereafter, or any missing or insufficient fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith or concerning any paper filed hereafter, and which may be required under Rules 16-18 (missing or insufficient fee only) now or hereafter relative to this application and the resulting Official document under Rule 20, or credit any overpayment, to our Account/Order Nos. shown above for which purpose a duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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